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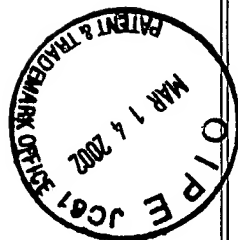
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**For: METHODS FOR DETECTING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS
USING COUPLED LIGATION
AND AMPLIFICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2001. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 120 to 129:

120. The kit of claim 52, wherein the at least one probe set comprises:

at least two different probe sets for detecting at least two different target

sequences, and wherein

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